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Dr. Martin J. Griffin
1304 Delaware Avenue
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Dear Dr. Griffin:

Dr. Kornberg has suggested that I reply to your letter of July 21, as we are working in close proximity and we may have traineeship for work in chemical genetics. This would have a strong emphasis on chemical studies on DNA subject to various chemical and physical manipulations. In addition, we are under a NASA grant studying analytical methods for use in an exobiology program - the detection of planetary life by spacecraft instrumentation - this program is by no means disconnected from genetic chemistry.

Some of this may be more biologically oriented than you may have visualized, but in fact requires the strongest background in chemistry. I would be pleased to have an expression of your interest in the form of further details on your academic preparation, a copy of your transcript, and a letter of reference from Dr. Jensen and whomever else might be able to give a critical evaluation.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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